



Wilbur Lee Hager

August 23, 1932 - June 16, 2014

Wilbur Lee Hager, 81, of Wapakoneta, died 10:05 a.m., Mon. June 16, 2014, at the scene of an auto-golf cart accident at the corner of Monroe & Conant Rds. in Auglaize Co. He was born Aug. 23, 1932, in Logan Twp., Auglaize Co., the son of Earl & Elma (Walther) Hager, who preceded him in death. On Dec. 18, 1955, he married Merlene J. Louth, and she survives in Wapakoneta. Other survivors include, 2 children, Melanie (Scott) Hutcherson, Winona Lake, IN, Jeffrey (Karen) Hager, Wapakoneta; 7 grandchildren, Kayla, Danielle & Jacob Hutcherson, Chris (Jeanette) Hager, Nick Hager, Nate Hager, & Cori Hager; a great granddaughter, Jane Hager; 2 siblings, Don (Claudette) Hager & Dorothy (Jim) Morgan, both of Lima; sisters-in-law & brothers-in-law, Ruthela Hager, St. Marys, OH; Sandy (Jay) Koenig, Wapakoneta; & Larry (Joan) Louth, Dallas, TX. He was preceded in death by a brother, Curtiss Hager. A lifelong farmer, Wilbur retired as an engineer in 1994 from Ford Motor Co., Lima Engine Plant, after 39 years service. He was a member of the Bethlehem Christian Union Church, Buckland, where he served as an elder for 38 years and taught Sunday school. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Buckland Telephone Service Co. A 1950 graduate of Buckland High School, he was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. His first love was to his Lord, but he most especially enjoyed spending time with his children & grandchildren and farming. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. June 20, 2014, at Bethlehem Christian Union Church, near Buckland, with Pastors Kent Place, Bill Meyers, Joe Wenger & Daniel Messner officiating.

Burial will follow in the Ft. Amanda Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W., Post #8445. The family will receive friends at Bethlehem Christian Union Church from 2-8 p.m., Thurs. and 1 hr prior to the service, Fri. Memorial contributions may be directed to the church.